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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 7831

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: IMCO, PBOR, ETRN, SENV

SUBJECT: IMCO MARINE CONFERENCE: LOS ISSUES

REF: LONDON 12260; STATE 209908

1. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON SECRETARIO HORACIO BASABE, WHO ALONG WITH SECRETARIO MASSINI EZCURA ARE NOW AND WILL CONTINUE IN FUTURE AS GOA LOS EXPERTS. (THEY ALTERNATE AS ADVISORS TO DELEGATION AND PRINCIPAL BACKSTOPPERSL

2. BASABE, AFTER READING US POSITION AS OUTLINED LONDON REFTTEL, FIRMLY STATED GOA AGREEMENT WITH US THAT DRAFT ARTICLE SHOULD BE DELETED FROM DRAFT CONVENTION. IN STATING GOA OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAFT ARTICLE HE REPEATED PRINCIPAL US OBJECTION THAT SUPPOSEDLY TECHNICAL IMCO CONFERENCE WAS GETTING INTO POLICY AREAS THAT PROPERLY BELONGED TO A LOS CONFERENCE. HE FURTHER NOTED  
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THAT DRAFT ARTICLE EIGHT, WHILE SLIGHTLY IMPROVED FROM EARLIER

VERSION BECAUSE MORE LIMITED IN SCOPE, WAS STILL NOT ACCEPTABLE TO GOA. GOA LIKE US PREFERRED TO HAVE NO ARTICLE EIGHT EMERGE FROM PRESENT CONFERENCE.

3. BASABE POINTEDLY DREW EMBOFF ATTENTION TO SECOND SENTENCE OF SECTION TWO AND CHARACTERIZED IT AS MOST OBJECTIONABLE PORTION OF DRAFT. COASTAL STATES, ACCORDING TO BASABE, GIVEN FAR TOO MUCH LATITUDE TO RESTRICT RIGHT OF PASSAGE IN DRAFT. AGAIN, THIS IS A MATTER FOR A LOS NOT THE IMCO CONFERENCE HE MAINTAINED. IF COASTAL STATES ALLOWED TO RESTRICT TRANSIT ACCORDING TO NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC STANDARDS, AS IMPLIED IN DRAFT ARTICLE, THIS WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BUDDING MARITIME INTERESTS OF ARGENTINA.

4. BASABE OPINED THAT DRAFT WAS CANADIAN INSPIRED AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ITS PASSAGE LIKELY. EMBOFF EXPRESSED HOPE ARTICLE EIGHT WOULD BE DEFEATED, BUT IF PASSAGE APPEARED LIKELY, ASKED IF US AND GOA DELS IN LONDON MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO COOPERATE IN A DAMAGE-LIMITING EFFORT RE A COMPROMISE ARTICLE. BASABE ACCEPTED SUGGESTION, PROMISED TO SO INFORM GOA DEL, AND ON OWN SUGGESTED BRAZIL WOULD VERY LIKELY FAVOR SIMILAR COURSE. LODGE

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